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The following is a detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application. A status identifier is provided for every claim and the current text of every claim is presented, unless the claim has been cancelled or withdrawn. Current amendments to the claims are expressed in the detailed listing by strikethrough (for deleted matter) or underlining (for added matter).

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1. (Currently Amended) A method for providing home information about a home owned by a homeowner, comprising:

arranging for the homeowner of a home that is not currently being marketed as being for sale to receive compensation in exchange for allowing the home information to be transmitted, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the home;

arranging for the home information to be transmitted to a viewer;

determining a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home; and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

2. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

receiving from the homeowner an agreement allowing the home information to be transmitted.

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3. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation is periodic.

4. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the home information lets a picture be remotely displayed to the viewer.

~~5. (Cancelled)~~

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein an identity of the homeowner is not provided to the viewer.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein an address of the home is not provided to the viewer.
8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a number of viewers that receive the home information.
9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation comprises a credit towards a mortgage payment.
10. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a rating indicating a popularity of a locale of the home.
- b2 11. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation comprises a payment of a fixed, predetermined amount based on the compensation information.
12. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation comprises a reduction of an interest rate on the homeowner's mortgage.
13. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a predicted level of interest in the home.
14. (Original) The method of claim 13, wherein the predicted level of interest is based on at least one of a value, a neighborhood, a style and an age associated with the home.
15. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a quality of features of the home.
16. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises at least one of: (i) an appraised value of the home; (ii) a potential selling price of the home; and (iii) a difference between the appraised value and the potential selling price.

17. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a level of anonymity of the homeowner.
18. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information comprises a level of anonymity of the locale of the home.
19. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein the level of anonymity comprises at least one of a region, a state, a county and a town.
20. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the home information comprises a picture of the home.
21. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the home information comprises video images of the home.
22. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the home information comprises a computer-aided design drawing.
23. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the home information comprises a photograph.
24. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
charging the viewer a fee.
25. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee charged to the viewer is for receiving the home information.
26. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the compensation information comprises a total amount of fees collected from the viewer.

27. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the compensation information comprises a percentage of the amount of total fees collected from the viewer.
28. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is based on at least one of: (i) an appraised value of the home; (ii) a potential selling price of the home; and (iii) a difference between the appraised value and the potential selling price.
29. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is charged if the viewer indicates an interest level above a predetermined threshold.
30. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is based on the home information.
31. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is charged for viewing a plurality of pictures.
32. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is based upon a duration of video images viewed by the viewer.
33. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee comprises submission of viewer home information about a home owned by the viewer.
34. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is based on a number of pictures viewed by the viewer.
35. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the fee per picture increases as a number of pictures viewed by the viewer increases.
36. (Original) The method of claim 34, wherein the fee per picture decreases as a number of pictures viewed by the viewer increases.

37. (Original) The method of claim 24, wherein the fee is based on a level of interest in the home by other viewers.
38. (Original) The method of claim 23, wherein the fee is based on a predetermined level of pictures of the home.
39. (Original) The method of claim 38, wherein a first level of pictures is displayed without a fee and second level of pictures is displayed for a fee.
40. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving viewer information from the viewer.
41. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the viewer information comprises the viewer's preferences for a home.
42. (Original) The method of claim 40, wherein the viewer information comprises the viewer's interest in the home.
43. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving the viewer's interest in the home; and
arranging for information associated with similar homes to be transmitted to the viewer based on the viewer's interest.
44. (Original) The method of claim 43, wherein the similar homes are homes for sale.
45. (Previously Amended) The method of claim 1, further comprising:
receiving from the viewer an offer to purchase the home; and
storing the offer in a database.

46. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 45, wherein ~~the step of~~ allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner comprises:

notifying the homeowner of the offer.

47. (Original) The method of claim 45, wherein the viewer remains anonymous to the homeowner.

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49. (Original) The method of claim 48, further comprising:

assessing a penalty against the homeowner if the homeowner refuses to sell the home to the viewer if the offer price received from the viewer is at least a selling price of the home.

~~50. (Cancelled)~~

51. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

deleting identifying information about the home in a picture.

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receiving from the homeowner an agreement allowing the picture of the home to be displayed,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

arranging for compensation to be provided to the homeowner in exchange for receiving the agreement, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the home;

arranging for the picture to be displayed to a viewer;

determining a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home; and

arranging for the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

53. (Previously Amended) A method for displaying a picture of a home owned by a homeowner, comprising:

receiving from the homeowner an agreement allowing the picture of the home to be displayed,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

providing periodic compensation to the homeowner in exchange for receiving the agreement, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the home;

arranging for the picture to be remotely displayed to a viewer without providing information associated with the identity of the homeowner to the viewer;

charging a fee to the viewer;

determining a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home; and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

54. (Original) The method of claim 53, further comprising:

receiving from the viewer an offer to purchase the home; and

storing the offer in a database.

55. (Original) The method of claim 54, further comprising:

notifying the homeowner of the offer, without providing the identity of the viewer to the homeowner.

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56. (Previously Amended) A remote home viewing device, comprising:

a processor; and

a storage device coupled to said processor and storing instructions adapted to be executed by said processor to:

arrange for a homeowner to receive compensation in exchange for allowing home information to be transmitted, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with a home owned by the homeowner,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

arrange for the home information to be transmitted to a viewer;

determine a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home; and

allow the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

57. (Previously Amended) A medium storing instructions adapted to be executed by a processor to perform a method for providing home information about a home owned by a homeowner, said method comprising:

arranging for the homeowner to receive compensation in exchange for allowing the home information to be transmitted, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the home,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

arranging for the home information to be transmitted to a viewer;

determining a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home; and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

58. (Previously Amended) A method for allowing a picture of a home to be displayed, comprising:

providing to a home viewing system an agreement allowing the picture of the home to be displayed,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

receiving compensation in exchange for providing the agreement, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the home;

providing to the home viewing system information enabling a determination of a rating of a willingness to sell the home;

providing to the home viewing system one or more criteria; and

agreeing to receive communications from a viewer of the picture if the rating of the willingness to sell is at least equal to a predetermined rating and the viewer satisfies the one or more criteria.

59. (Cancelled)

60. (Cancelled)

61. (Cancelled)

62. (Original) The method of claim 58, further comprising providing an offer to purchase the home to the home viewing system.

63. (Previously Amended) A method for displaying a picture of a home owned by a homeowner, comprising:

receiving from the homeowner an agreement allowing the picture of the home to be displayed,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

arranging for the homeowner to receive compensation in exchange for the agreement, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the home;

arranging for the picture to be remotely displayed to a viewer;

determining a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home; and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

64. (Previously Amended) A method for displaying a picture of a home owned by a homeowner, comprising:

receiving from the homeowner an agreement allowing the picture of the home to be displayed,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

receiving from the homeowner information comprising the picture of the home;

receiving information associated with the willingness of the homeowner to sell the home;

determining a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home based on the received information;

arranging for the picture to be remotely displayed to a viewer;

receiving from the viewer an indication of interest to purchase the home; and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

65. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 64, further comprising:

receiving from the viewer an offer to purchase the home, including an offer price;

and

determining if the homeowner will be notified of the offer based on the offer price

and the ~~information associated with the willingness of the homeowner~~ rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home.

66. (Previously Amended) A method for providing a picture of a property owned by a property owner, comprising:

arranging for the property owner to receive compensation in exchange for allowing the picture to be displayed, the compensation being based on compensation information associated with the property,

wherein the home is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

arranging for the picture to be displayed to a viewer;

determining a rating of the homeowner's willingness to sell the home; and

allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

67. (Previously Amended) A computer readable medium that stores data accessible by a program executable on a data processing system, the data being organized according to a data structure that includes:

a home information data object associated with a home owned by a homeowner,

the home information data object representing a home that is not currently being marketed as being for sale;

a compensation data object accessible from the home information data object, the compensation data object being associated with compensation to be provided to the homeowner in exchange for allowing the home information to be transmitted to a viewer;

a rating data object accessible from the home data object, the rating data object representing a willingness of the homeowner to sell the home.

68. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, wherein the compensation information includes one or more of:

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- (i) an appraised value of the home,
 - (ii) a location of the home,
 - (iii) an expected interest of viewers in the home,
 - (iv) a level of anonymity maintained with respect to the homeowner or the home, and
 - (v) a current market price of the home.
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69. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining at least one criteria specified by the homeowner; and
wherein the step of allowing comprises:
allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if information associated with the viewer satisfies the criteria and the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating.

70. (Previously Added) The method of claim 69, further comprising:

determining a level of interest of the viewer in the homeowner's home; and
wherein the step of allowing comprises:
allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating and at least one of the following is satisfied:
(i) the information associated with the viewer satisfies the criteria; and
(ii) the level of interest of the viewer is at least equal to a predetermined level.

71. (Previously Added) The method of claim 1, further comprising:

determining a level of interest of the viewer in the homeowner's home; and
wherein the step of allowing comprises:
allowing the viewer to communicate with the homeowner if the rating is at least equal to a predetermined rating and the level of interest of the viewer is at least equal to a predetermined level.
